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1. Officers of the 26th Guards Mechanized Regiment in Fuerstenwalde are named as follows:
  - a. The regimental commander is Colonel Yokimov (fnu). His chief of staff is Colonel Burski (fnu). Another colonel attached to the regiment, function unknown, is Petrichenko (fnu).
  - b. Lieutenant colonels are: Rud, who is the supply officer.  
Beznoshenkov, Fedorov.
  - c. Majors are: Mariassov and Krevtsov; the latter is in charge of clothing and supplies.
  - d. Captain Krezhanowski is in charge of the motor pool; another captain is named Fedoseev.
  - e. Most of the other officers of this unit are junior lieutenants, lieutenants, and senior lieutenants. Exact grades are not known. Their names are as follows: Bandilert, Vergun, Mashalkin, Matshanov, Rykov, Migachov, Ugsov, Sutkov, Matveev, Terwinov, Burtsov, Bezpanatnyi. The first names are not known.
2. The lifting of the ban on fraternization had the immediate effect of filling all the local pubs with Soviet officers. Among the places in Fuerstenwalde where Soviets congregate are dance halls and NO restaurants, Fuerstenwalderhof, Cafe Wien, Taverne, Goldene Krone, Oberjohn.

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Comment. At various times, Colonel Astashkin and Colonel Stepchenko have been reported as commanding officers of the unit. In November 1952, Colonel Yokimov was reported as commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Fedorov as chief of staff, and Major Blinov as assistant chief of staff. It will be noted that Colonel Yokimov and Lieutenant-Colonel Fedorov are also named in the present report, although Fedorov is not confirmed as chief of staff.

